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**Instructions**

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- (1) (a) Suppose ABCDEF is the vertices of a regular hexagon. Let  $\overline{AB} = \underline{a}$  and  $\overline{BC} = \underline{b}$ .
- (i) Express the vectors  $\overline{AB}, \overline{AC}, \overline{AD}, \overline{AE}, \overline{AF}$  in terms of  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .
- (ii) Find the resultant of the forces represented by the vectors in (i), in terms of  $\overline{AD}$ .
- (b) If  $O$  is any point within triangle  $ABC$  and  $P, Q$  and  $R$  are midpoints of the sides  $AB, BC$ , and  $CA$  respectively. Prove that  $\overline{OA} + \overline{OB} + \overline{OC} = \overline{OP} + \overline{OQ} + \overline{OR}$
- (c)  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram with  $P$  and  $Q$  the midpoints of sides  $BC$  and  $CD$ , respectively. Prove that  $AP$  and  $AQ$  trisect diagonal  $BD$  at points  $E$  and  $F$ .
- (d) In the parallelogram  $ABCD$ , show that:
- (i)  $\overline{AC} + \overline{BD} = 2 \overline{BC}$  and
- (ii)  $\overline{AC} - \overline{BD} = 2 \overline{AB}$

(2) (a) Define the scalar product of two vectors.

(b) If  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  be three vectors such that  $\underline{a} + \underline{b} + \underline{c} = \underline{0}$ ,  $|\underline{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\underline{b}| = 4$ ,  $|\underline{c}| = 5$ , show that  $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} + \underline{b} \cdot \underline{c} + \underline{c} \cdot \underline{a} = -25$ .

(c) If  $G$  be the centroid of a triangle ABC, show that

$$AB^2 + BC^2 + CA^2 = 3(AG^2 + BG^2 + CG^2)$$

(d) If  $D$  be the mid-point of the side BC of a triangle ABC, prove that

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2(AD^2 + BD^2)$$

(3) (a) Define the vector product of two vectors.

(b) If  $|\underline{a}| = 3$  and  $|\underline{b}| = 4$ , find the values of  $\mu$  for which the vectors  $\underline{a} + \mu \underline{b}$  and  $\underline{a} - \mu \underline{b}$  will be perpendicular to each other.

(c) Determine the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the following vectors are collinear.

$$-3\underline{i} + 4\underline{j} + \mu \underline{k} \text{ and } \lambda \underline{i} + 8\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}$$

(d) Determine the value of the constant  $d$ , so that the following vectors are coplanar.

$$2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \underline{k}, \underline{i} + \underline{j} + d\underline{k} \text{ and } 3\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

(e) Find a vector  $\underline{d}$  which is perpendicular to both following vectors

$$\underline{a} = 4\underline{i} + 5\underline{j} - \underline{k} \text{ and } \underline{b} = \underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 5\underline{k} \text{ and } \underline{d} \cdot \underline{c} = 21$$

where  $\underline{c} = 3\underline{i} + \underline{j} - \underline{k}$ .

(4) (a) Given the matrices  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $(AB)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , Find  $A^{-1}$ .

(b) Write  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  as the sum of a symmetric matrix B and a skew-symmetric matrix C.

(c) Find real numbers  $x, y, z$  such that A is Hermitian, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & x+2i & yi \\ 3-2i & 0 & 1+zi \\ yi & 1-xi & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Compute the product  $AB$  for the given matrices. Whenever possible, compute the

product  $BA$ .  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) Using Cramer's Rule, solve the following system of linear equations.

$$2x - 5y + 2z = 2$$

$$x + 2y - 4z = 5$$

$$3x - 4y - 6z = 1$$

(5) (a) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x & 1 \\ -C_0 & -C_1 & -C_2 & -C_3 - x \end{bmatrix}$ , find the  $\det(A)$  using the definition.

(b) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{bmatrix}$ , find the

$\det(A)$  and  $\det(B)$  using the properties of determinants.

(c) Prove the following identities without evaluating the determinant.

(i)  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ a & 0 & c & b \\ b & c & 0 & a \\ c & b & a & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & c^2 & b^2 \\ 1 & c^2 & 0 & a^2 \\ 1 & b^2 & a^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

(ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$

(iii)  $\begin{vmatrix} bcd & cda & dab & abc \\ a & b & c & d \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 & d^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 & d^3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 & d^2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 & d^3 \\ a^4 & b^4 & c^4 & d^4 \end{vmatrix}$

(d) Find all  $t$  such that

(i)  $\begin{vmatrix} t-4 & 3 \\ 2 & t-9 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  (ii)  $\begin{vmatrix} t-1 & 4 \\ 3 & t-2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$